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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

2006 Application for Critical Use Exemption of Methyl Bromide for Pre Plant Use in 2008 and beyond in the United States

WHY IS THIS INFORMATION NEEDED?

Under the Clean Air Act and the international treaty to protect the ozone layer (the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer), the production and import of methyl bromide was phased out in the United States on January 1, 2005. This application seeks information to support a U.S. request to produce and import methyl bromide for certain critical uses and circumstances beyond this 2005 phaseout date.

The information in this application will be used to review whether your use of methyl bromide is "critical" because no technically and economically feasible alternatives are available. In order to estimate the loss as a result of not having methyl bromide available, EPA needs to compare data (yields, crops/crop groupings, prices, revenues and costs) for your use of methyl bromide with uses of alternative pest control regimens.

The information contained in this application is critical to process and assess the need for methyl bromide. Filling out this application in its entirety will bolster the U.S. government's ability to strengthen the nomination package for the international review boards.

Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 324 hours per response and assumes a large portion of applications will be submitted by consortia on behalf of many individual users of methyl bromide. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a current OMB control number.

INSTRUCTIONS

The information provided by you in this application will be used to evaluate the requested methyl bromide use. The U.S. and other countries that are parties to the Montreal Protocol On Substances That Deplete The Ozone Layer decided that: "a use of methyl bromide should qualify as "critical" only if the nominating Party determines that:

- (i) The specific use is critical because the lack of availability of methyl bromide for that use would result in a significant market disruption; and
- (ii) There are no technically and economically feasible alternatives available to the user that are acceptable from the standpoint of environment and health and are suitable to the crops and circumstances of the nomination ..."

WHO

If you anticipate that you will need methyl bromide in 2008 and beyond because you believe there are no technically and economically feasible alternatives, then you should apply for the critical use exemption. This application may be submitted either by a consortium representing multiple users or by individual users. We encourage users with similar circumstances of use to submit a single application (for example, any number of pre plant users with similar soil, pest, and climactic conditions can submit a single application.)

If a consortium is applying for multiple methyl bromide users, the economic data should be for a representative or typical user within the consortium unless otherwise noted. If economic or technical factors (such as size of the farm) affecting the ability of this "representative user" to use alternatives are significantly different than other users in the consortium, more than one application should be submitted to reflect these differences.

Please contact your local, state, regional or national commodity association and/or state representative agency to find out if they plan on submitting an application on behalf of your commodity group.

WHAT INFORMATION IS REQUIRED?

If a user group submitted a complete application to EPA in 2005, the user is only required to complete selected Worksheets, though the entire application must be submitted to EPA. These required Worksheets include 1, 2B, 2C, 2D, 4, and 5. If these Worksheets are not submitted, EPA will not include the application in the U.S. nomination submitted for international consideration. Additional information on Re-Application Information is available at www.epa.gov/ozone/mbr. The remaining worksheets must only be completed if any information has changed since 2005. If a user has previously submitted a critical use exemption application to EPA in 2002, 2003 or 2004 (first, second, and third rounds) but did not submit an application in 2005 (fourth round) then all the worksheets in the application must be submitted again in their entirety.

STATE CONTACTS

States that have agreed to participate in the exemption process are listed on EPA's website at www.epa.gov/ozone/mbr/cuega.html

HOW DO I APPLY?

You may either complete an electronic (Microsoft Word) or a printed version of the application. Please fill out each section in the application as completely as possible. If you are completing the printed version and need extra space you may attach additional sheets as needed. Additional information may be available from your local state department of agriculture or at the sites listed below or by calling 1-800-296-1996.

IS MY INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL?

The applicant may assert a business confidentiality claim covering part or all of the information in the application by placing on (or attaching to) the information, at the time it is submitted to EPA, a cover sheet, stamped or typed legend, or other suitable form of notice employing language such as trade secret, proprietary, or company confidential. Allegedly confidential portions of otherwise non-confidential documents should be clearly identified by the applicant, and may be submitted separately to facilitate identification and handling by EPA. If the applicant desires confidential treatment only until a certain date or until the occurrence of a certain event, the notice should so state. Information covered by a claim of confidentiality will be disclosed by EPA only to the extent, and by means of the procedures set forth under 40 CFR Part 2 Subpart B; 41 FR 36902, 43 FR 400000. 50 FR 51661. If no claim of confidentiality accompanies the information when it is received by EPA, it may be made available to the public by EPA without further notice to the applicant.

Applicants submitting their application via e-mail assume responsibility for the confidentiality of the electronic message transmission.

WHEN IS THE INFORMATION NEEDED?

This application must be postmarked to the EPA address below no later than August 8, 2006 or 90 days after the Notice was published in the <u>Federal Register</u> requesting critical use exemption applications, whichever is later.

EPA Form# 7620-18a

	Electronic Address for applications:						
	(When submitting an application electronically, you should also print a hard copy, sign it, and submit it by mail)						
WHERE DO I SUBMIT THE	Mailing Address for applications being submitted by mail directly to the EPA:	Address for applications being sent courier or non-U.S. Postal overnigh express delivery to the EPA:					
APPLICATION?	US Environmental Protection Agency Methyl Bromide Critical Use Exemption Office of Air and Radiation Stratospheric Protection Division (6205 J) 1200 Pennsylvania Ave, NW Washington, DC 20460	US Environmental Protection Agency Methyl Bromide Critical Use Exemption Office of Air and Radiation Stratospheric Protection Division 1310 L Street, NW Ste. 827L Washington, DC 20005 Telephone: (202) 343-9321					
HOW CAN I RECEIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?	If you have general questions about this application call: Stratospheric Ozone Hotline 1-800-296-1996						

WORKSHEET 1: CONTACT AND METHYL BROMIDE REQUEST INFORMATION FOR 2008 AND BEYOND

The following information will be used to determine the amount of methyl bromide requested and the contact person for this request. It is important that we know whom to contact in case we need additional information during the review of the application.

Is this information Confidential Business Information: Yes	No
If yes, the applicant assumes responsibility for the secure transmission	n of electronic submissions.
Applicant Name:	
Primary Contact: Contact Name: Address: Daytime Phone: Cell: Fax: Email Address Specialty: (check one) Agronomic Economic	
Alternate Contact: Contact Name: Address: Daytime Phone: Cell: Fax: Email Address: Specialty: (check one) Agronomic Economic	
I certify that all information contained in this document is factual to the	e best of my knowledge.
Signature:	Date:
Print Name:	Title:
Information in this application may be aggregated with information fro the United States government to justify claims in the national nominat methyl bromide be considered "critical" and authorized for an exempti signing below, you agree now to assert any claim of confidentiality the EPA of aggregate information based in part on information contained	ion package that a particular use of ion beyond the 2005 phaseout. By nat would affect the disclosure by
Signature:	Date:
Print Name:	Title:

Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 324 hours per response and assumes a large portion of applications will be submitted by consortia on behalf of many individual users of methyl bromide. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a current OMB control number.

WORKSHEET 1: CONTACT AND METHYL BROMIDE REQUEST INFORMATION FOR 2008 AND BEYOND (continued)

1	Location:	Enter the state.	region	or county
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- **2. Crop/Crop Grouping:** Include all crops/crop groupings that benefit from an application of methyl bromide in a fumigation cycle. For a definition of fumigation cycle, see Definitions page at end of application.
- **3. Summary of Crop System:** Enter the type of crop system used, e.g., open field [including tunnels added after treatment], permanent glasshouses (enclosed), open ended polyhouses, others (please describe).

4. Range of acres farmed by growers included in this application:	Insert number	or percentage of	of
users in each category.			

0 - 25 acres	100 - 200 acres	
25 - 50 acres	200 - 400 acres	
50 - 100 acres	over 400 acres	

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 7b	8a	8b	9a	9b	10a	10b	1	1	_		
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7. Is					tine and F If yes, inc					yl brom	ide:
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9. What is the amount of methyl bromide being requested by this application? (Do NOT include QPS amounts.)

If a consortium is	s submitting this application.	the data should be the total for the consortium.

	Year of Exemption Request	2008	2009	2010	2011
Α	Total Pounds Active Ingredient (a.i.) of Methyl Bromide				
В	Use: Broadcast or Strip/Bed Treatment				
С	If strip, then what percentage is treated with strip formulation? (E.g., If 30 inches out of a total of 60 inches are treated with strip, the percent is 50%)				
D	Formulation (Ratio of MB/Pic Mixture) to be Used for the CUE				
Е	Total Area to be Treated with the Methyl Bromide or MB/Pic Formulation				
F	Use Rate (lbs a.i./acre)				

- 10. Please explain why there may be variations in the pounds or acres treated from year to year, especially if the request is higher this year than in previous years:
- 11. Please explain why methyl bromide is being requested:
- 12. For the region where methyl bromide is being requested, if only part of the crop area is treated with methyl bromide, indicate the reason why methyl bromide is not used in the other area. Additionally, identify what alternative strategies are used to control the target pathogens and weeds without methyl bromide in that area:
- 12a. Would it be feasible to expand the use of these methods to cover at least part of the crop that has requested use of methyl bromide? What changes would be necessary to enable this:

13. Do you have access	to recycled me	thyl bromide:	
Yes N	lo	f yes, please specify amount: lbs	
14. Do you anticipate th	at you will have	e any methyl bromide in storage after January 1, 2008	3:
Yes N	lo If	f yes, please specify amount: lbs	
15. Have you adjusted th	ne request for th	he following issues?:	
Regulatory Issue	es: YesN	No Disease Pressure: YesNo	
Soils Issues:	YesN	No Other (Please Explain):YesNo	

WORKSHEET 2: METHYL BROMIDE

Purpose of Data: To establish a baseline estimate of crop/crop grouping yields, gross revenue and costs using methyl bromide.

Instructions specific to each worksheet are located at the top of each sheet.

Worksheet	Title
2-A	Methyl Bromide - Crop & Pest Information
	If a consortium is submitting this application, the data for this table should reflect the representative user for the consortium.
2-B	The purpose of this worksheet is to determine pest infestation and crop information where methyl bromide is used. This forms the baseline for evaluating the impacts of using an alternative to replace methyl bromide. Methyl Bromide - Historical Use 2000 – 2005
2-5	If a consortium is submitting this application, all data should reflect the actual data for the consortium.
	This worksheet provides data in actual usage for 2000-2005.
2-C	Methyl Bromide - Crop/Crop grouping Yield and Gross Revenue for 2003-2005
	If a consortium is submitting this application, the data for this table should reflect the representative user for the consortium.
	This worksheet provides crop/crop grouping yield and gross revenue for 2003 through 2005.
	The purpose of this worksheet is to determine past gross revenues when methyl bromide is used. This forms the baseline for evaluating the revenue impacts of using an alternative to replace methyl bromide.
2-D(1 & 2)	Methyl Bromide - Baseline - Operating Costs for 2005
	If a consortium is submitting this application, the data for this table should reflect the representative user for the consortium.
	This data is needed to estimate a baseline for operating costs in order to estimate changes in costs and the impact on operating profit and short-run economic viability as a result of not using methyl bromide and to provide required information to the international review board.
	The purpose of this worksheet is to determine operating expenses when methyl bromide is used. This forms the baseline for evaluating the cost impacts of using an alternative to replace methyl bromide. The data requested are designed to help you identify how your operation would change if methyl bromide were unavailable, which will be shown in Worksheet 3-B. Worksheet 2-D(1) is for users with a fumigation cycle of less than 5 years. Worksheet 2-D(2) is for users growing perennial crops following a single fumigation at establishment.
	In collaboration with USDA, we will estimate fixed and overhead costs across crops and regions to ensure consistency within the U.S. nomination.

WORKSHEET 2-A: METHYL BROMIDE – CROP & PEST INFORMATION

1. Crop/Crop Grouping or Consortium:

2. Which month does your fumigation cycle start: Please check only one.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec

3. Fumigation and Crop Timeline: Indicate when fumigation, major crop and pest management practices typically occur by shading the appropriate cells.

Show a second crop if part of the fumigation cycle. If the fumigation cycle is longer than one year, change the months to the appropriate interval. These tables are for annual crops but more than one crop may benefit from one methyl bromide fumigation. If application covers multiple crops/crop groupings not grown sequentially, they will need to provide this information for all crops/crop groupings. Please adjust timeline as necessary. Please provide additional comments or description below or on a separate page. Please begin the timeline with the first land preparation. For perennials, please begin with the year of land preparation and fumigation and indicate the years of production by yield or percentage of full production.

Beginning Fumigation	Time Interval (e.g. MONTH/YEAR/SEASON)											
Cycle	Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Month 4	Month 5	Month 6	Month 7	Month 8	Month 9	Month 10	Month 11	Month 12
Land Preparation												
Fumigation												
Planting												
Harvest												
Fallow												
Other Key Crop Steps												
Other Key Pest Steps												

Continuation of Fumigation	Time Interval (e.g. MONTH/YEAR/SEASON)											
Cycle (if needed)	Month 13	Month 14	Month 15	Month 16	Month 17	Month 18	Month 19	Month 20	Month 21	Month 22	Month 23	Month 24
Land Preparation												
Fumigation												
Planting												
Harvest												
Fallow												
Other Key Crop Steps												
Other Key Pest Steps												

4. What is the typical soil temperature range during methyl bromide:	to	°F
Comments:		

5. Target Pest(s) or Pest Problem(s): Please identify the key target pests or pest problems for which methyl bromide is requested. Provide at least common name and genus and species if possible. Additional pests or pest problems can be provided as an attachment. Please also explain the specific reasons why methyl bromide is being requested for each pest [e.g., effective herbicide is available, but not registered for this crop; mandatory requirement to meet certification for disease tolerance].

	Common Name	Genus	Specific Reasons why Methyl Bromide is Needed
Pest 1			
Pest 2			
Pest 3			
Pest 4			
Pest 5			

6. Pest Economic Threshold: Please provide the economic threshold information for each	ach pest
Describe year and source of information such as our you ar export estimate	-

	Threshold	Units (e.g. pests/sq ft)	Year	Source
Pest 1				
Pest 2				
Pest 3				
Pest 4				
Pest 5				

7. Target Pest Infestation: Please estimate the percentage of the consortia's total growing area with a moderate to severe problem with these pests. Describe source of information such as a survey or expert estimate.

	Percentage of Total Growing Area	Source
Pest 1	%	
Pest 2	%	
Pest 3	%	
Pest 4	%	
Pest 5	%	

8. F	epresentative	User: Please	provide descri	ptive factors	regarding your	operation
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Average Farm Size:	acres	
Average acres in this crop:	acres	
Average Area Treated with Met	hyl Bromide: a	cres
Describe a few crops that could	d follow this crop:	
Other descriptive factors regar	ding representative user:	

WORKSHEET 2-B: METHYL BROMIDE – HISTORICAL USE FOR 2000 – 2005

Row A:	Total Pounds Active Ingredient (a.i.) of Methyl Bromide
	Enter the total actual pounds active ingredient (a.i.) of methyl bromide applied. Note: This
	number should be the total pounds a.i. applied by the individual user or the entire consortium, for
	the year indicated. Include only the pounds active ingredient of methyl bromide. Do not include
	the pounds of chloropicrin that may be part of the same product.
Row B:	Use: Broadcast or Strip Bed Treatment
	Indicate whether broadcast or strip bed treatment is used.
Row C:	If strip, then what percentage is treated with strip formulation?
	If strip treatments are used, enter the percentage treated with strip formulation (e.g., if 30 inches
	out of a total of 60 inches are treated with strip, the percent is 50%).
Row D:	Formulation (Ratio of MB/Pic Mixture) to be Used for the CUE
	Enter the formulation of methyl bromide used (e.g. MB 98:2; MB/Pic 70:30).
Row E:	Total Area to be Treated with the Methyl Bromide or MB/Pic Formulation
	Enter the total area to be treated with methyl bromide or MB/Pic Formulation.
Row F:	Use Rate (lbs a.i/acre)
	Enter the use rate in pounds a.i. of methyl bromide per area.

ı	For as many years as possible as shown specify:	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
A.	Total Pounds Active Ingredient (a.i.) of Methyl Bromide						
В.	Use: Broadcast or Strip Bed Treatment						
C.	If strip, then what percentage is treated with strip formulation? (E.g., if 30 inches out of a total of 60 inches are treated with strip, the percent is 50%)						
D.	Formulation (Ratio of MB/Pic Mixture) to be Used for the CUE						
E.	Total Area to be Treated with the Methyl Bromide or MB/Pic Formulation						
F.	Use Rate (Ibs a.i/acre)						

What is the frequency of methyl bromide applied per area: (1x / year, 2x / year, 1x / 3 years, etc.) times per
If there is a variation (greater than 10%) in the quantity a.i., the acres treated or average application rate from year to year, please explain the reasons for the variation:
Comments:

WORKSHEET 2-C: METHYL BROMIDE – CROP/SPECIES YIELD & GROSS REVENUE FOR 2003 – 2005

Colur	mn A:										
		in the fumigati	on cycles from 20	03 to 200	ows as needed for each 5. If a fumigation cycle a is the year methyl bro	overlaps more	than one calendar				
Colur	mn B:	Crops/Crop Groupings									
	Enter all crops/crop groupings that benefit from methyl bromide in the fumigation cycle. If multiple crops/crop groupings are grown during the interval between fumigations (e.g. tomatoes followed peppers in a single growing season, or strawberries followed by lettuce over 2 or 3 years) included the crops/crop groupings during the entire interval. If someone other than the applicant benefits from the application of methyl bromide in the fumic cycle and you do not have the quantitative data for the crops/crop groupings grown on the same please indicate so in the comments section below.										
Colur	mn C:	Market Cate	gories								
		(early season,	late season), or e	end use (f	e prices received, for exresh, processing). Item de would affect the yield	ize or aggrega	ate these factors to the				
Colur	mn D:	<u>Yield</u>									
			enter yields at full		of total yields, obtained on. Be sure to indicate		ory. For perennial stages in the timeline in				
Colu	mn E:	Units of Measurement									
		Enter the unit of measurement for each crop/species (lbs, cwt, carton, bin). If not by weight, specify in the comments section the average weight of the measure.									
Colui	mn F:	<u>Price</u> Enter average prices received by the users for that crop/crop grouping and market category. Average price over all categories can be calculated separately, if needed.									
Colur	mn G:	using the data	e per acre for eacl	rice times	category and or each cr yield. If revenue is not ase explain the differen	equal to price	times yield, you may				
Α		В	С	D	E	F	G				
Year	Crops/Crop Groupings		Market Category	Yield	Unit of Measurement	Price (\$)	Gross Revenue per Acre (\$)				
				1							
				1							
				1							
				1							

If this application is for multiple crops/crop groupings (e.g. nurseries producing evergreens, deciduous, and forbs) please indicate the proportion of land area allocated to each crop/crop grouping:

Comments:

WORKSHEET 2-D (1&2): METHYL BROMIDE – BASELINE – **OPERATING COSTS FOR 2005**

Enter all operating costs incurred during a fumigation cycle. Users with a relatively short fumigation cycle (less than five years) should use Worksheet 2-D(1); users cultivating perennial crops should use Worksheet 2-D(2). Users with multiple crops, either on the same area in a single fumigation cycle or on different areas treated separately, should copy this sheet or provide costs for each crop. If multiple crops are cultivated sequentially following a single fumigation, replace fumigation costs in Pre-plant Operations with any additional pest control costs used prior to the following crops. If a fallow season is an important part of the fumigation cycle, include costs incurred (for example, cultivating a cover crop) as a separate line or as a separate sheet, if costs are extensive. Please fill in the unshaded areas. The shaded

areas can be used if the information is known.

Column

Operation / Input

A:

The operations/inputs listed here are not meant to be exhaustive or representative of your specific production system. They are meant to provide suggestions and to help you identify how your operation would change if methyl bromide were unavailable. Be as precise as necessary otherwise you may aggregate operations or inputs. For example, specify herbicide costs if additional treatments would become necessary with the use of a methyl bromide alternative, otherwise you may simply specify total pesticide costs. Please specify only variable operating costs.

Operation / Input for Perennial Crops

For perennial crops in Worksheet 2-D(2), we have divided the lifespan into three basic periods: preproduction (including establishment), initial production, and full production. Please ensure that the timeline in Worksheet 2-A indicates the years of each period. Operating costs should be an average of costs incurred during each period. Please consider expected replanting rates and indicate which year dead or poorly performing young trees would be replaced. You may copy columns/rows as needed if these periods need to be refined for your situation.

Column

Quantity Used per Acre

B:

This field is required only for methyl bromide. However, you may include specific amounts of other inputs or operations if you believe it helps to document the additional costs you would incur by using an alternative fumigant.

Constant Cost per Acre

For harvest operations, specify costs that depend on land area, for example, picking costs, per acre of land.

Column

C:

For all inputs and operations detailed in Column B, please specify the units of measurement.

Cost per Unit of Yield

For harvest operations, specify costs that depend on amount of product harvested, for example, packing material, per unit of produce.

Column

Unit Costs

D:

For all inputs and operations detailed in Column B, please specify the unit cost. Also, indicate all costs of applying methyl bromide, including any material costs, for example, tarps. If custom applied and separate costs are unavailable, write 'custom' and enter total cost in Column E.

Yield

Units

For harvest operations, indicate average yields or representative yields from Worksheet 2-C

Column

Total Cost per Acre

E:

For inputs and operations detailed in Columns B and D, total costs can be calculated as Column B times Column D. Otherwise, enter total cost of the input or operation. As a check, you may add up Column E to obtain an estimate of total variable operating costs. These will not include fixed and overhead costs, nor a return to the owners' labor. It should, therefore, be less than gross revenues calculated in Question #2. If it is not, please explain any variations in yields and prices. For perennial crops, Column E should only be totaled for the years at full production.

Harvest costs may likewise be calculated as costs per acre (Column B) plus variable costs per unit of yield (Column C) times yield (Column D).

WORKSHEET 2-D(1): METHYL BROMIDE – BASELINE – OPERATING COSTS FOR 2005

A	В	С	D	E
Operation / Input	Quantity Used per Acre	Units (lbs, hours, etc)	Unit Cost (\$)	Total Cost per Acre (\$)
Pre-plant Operations				
Land preparation				
Fumigation				
product (methyl bromide)				
application				
Irrigation				
Other costs				
Cultural Operations				
Seed / Seedlings				
Fertilizer / Soil Amendments				
Pesticides				
Insecticide				
Herbicide				
Fungicide				
Nematicide				
Irrigation				
Labor (manual)				
Fuel / Machine Labor				
Other Costs				
Harvest Operations	Constant Cost per Acre (\$)	Cost per Unit of Yield (\$)	Yield	Total Cost per Acre (\$)
Labor				
Hauling				
Material				
Grading / Packing / Storage				
Other Costs				

WORKSHEET 2-D(2): METHYL BROMIDE – BASELINE – OPERATING COSTS FOR PERENNIAL CROPS

Α	B (1)	C (1)	D (1)	E (1)	B (2)	C (2)	D (2)	E (2)	B (3)	C (3)	D (3)	E (3)
	PRE PRODUCTION YEARS				INITIAL PRODUCTION YEARS				FULL PRODUCTION YEARS			
Operation or Input	Quantity used per acre	Units (lbs, hours, etc)	Unit Cost	Total Cost per Acre	Quantity used per acre	Units (lbs, hours, etc)	Unit Cost	Total Cost per Acre	Quantity used per acre	Units (lbs, hours, etc)	Unit Cost	Total Cost per Acre
Establishment Operations												
Land preparation												
Fumigation												
product												
anglication												<u> </u>
Seedlings												<u> </u>
Other costs												
Cultural Operations												
Fertilizer/soil amendments												
Pesticides												
Insecticide												
Herbicide												
Fungicide												
Irrigation												
Labor (manual)												
Fuel/machine labor												
Other costs												
Harvest Operations	Constant Cost per Acre	Cost per Unit of Yield	Yield	Total Cost	Constant Cost per Acre	Cost per Unit of Yield	Yield	Total Cost	Constant Cost per Acre	Cost per Unit of Yield	Yield	Total Cost
Picking/hauling												
Material		-										
Grading/packing												1
Other costs												

WORKSHEET 3: ALTERNATIVES – FEASIBILITY OF ALTERNATIVE PEST CONTROL REGIMENS

Purpose of Data: To estimate the loss as a result of not having methyl bromide available. EPA needs to compare data (yields, crop/species prices, gross revenues and costs) on the use of methyl bromide and alternative pest control regimens.

Complete Worksheet 3-A for each alternative pest control regimen listed in the "U.S. Matrix" for chemical controls (www.epa.gov/ozone/mbr/cueqa.html) and the "International Matrix" for non-chemical pest controls (www.epa.gov/ozone/mbr/cue). Please indicate the name of the specific alternative pest control regimen addressed and add additional pages as required.

Enter all alternative pesticides and pest control methods (and associated cost and yield data) that would replace one treatment of methyl bromide throughout the fumigation cycle. See the Definition page for a comprehensive definition on fumigation cycles.

Worksheet	Title
3-A	Alternatives - Technical Feasibility of Alternatives to Methyl Bromide
	You must complete one worksheet for each alternative. Please inset the name of the alternative in the area on top of the page. If you prefer, you may provide the information requested in this worksheet in a narrative review. However, you must fill in the information in Question #1 and #3 or we will assume no yield or quality loss.
3-B	Alternatives - Changes in Operating Costs
	If a consortium is submitting this application, the data for this table should reflect the representative user for the consortium.
	This data is needed to estimate changes in costs and the impact on operating profit and short-run economic viability as a result of not using methyl bromide and to provide required information to the international review board.
	Please fill out this worksheet for each alternative specified in the U.S. Matrix and for other alternatives for which the economic evaluation would bolster the case that methyl bromide is needed.
	The purpose of this worksheet is to determine operating expenses when alternatives are used for evaluating the cost impacts of using an alternative to replace methyl bromide. The data requested are designed to help you identify how your operation would change if methyl bromide were unavailable. Worksheet 3-B(1) is for users with a fumigation cycle of less than 5 years. Worksheet 3-B(2) is for users growing perennial crops following a single fumigation at establishment.
	In collaboration with USDA, we will estimate fixed and overhead costs across crops and regions to ensure consistency within the U.S. nomination.
3-C	Alternatives - Economic Feasibility of Alternatives to Methyl Bromide
	If a consortium is submitting this application, the data for this table should reflect the representative user for the consortium.
	Please include in this worksheet data for each alternative included in worksheets 3-A and 3-B.

WORKSHEET 3-A: ALTERNATIVES – TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY OF ALTERNATIVES TO METHYL BROMIDE

Name of Alternative:

1. Yield Loss & Pest Control When Comparing This Alternative to Methyl Bromide: Provide numerical estimates where possible. Please add additional rows if necessary.

Study # (list below)	Pest Being Tested	% Yield Loss *	% Pest Control *	Details
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
	Average Loss			

^{*} If no yield or quality loss information is given we will assume no losses. Only provide pest control information if yield or quality loss information is not available.

2. Study Information: For the information in #1 above list: the study name, authors, publication, date, and if a copy is attached. Please add additional rows if necessary.

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Study #	Attached?	Details
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

3. Quality Loss*+: Describe quality impacts such as: percent smaller fruit, reduced grade, smaller plants, crop damage, disease vector, etc.

Market Category	Yield with Methyl Bromide	Units	Yield With Alternative	Units	Quality Impact Description

4. Are there any	production delay	s (planting/ harvesting) associated with this alternative:	
Yes	No	If yes, please explain:	
5. Are there any	variety or cultiva	r issues associated with this alternative:	
Yes	No	If yes, please explain:	

6. Restrictions on Alternative Use: This information will be used to determine the amount of methyl bromide needed.

	% of Area	Details
Regulatory Restriction		
- Label Restriction		
- Township Caps		

⁺Please report Quality Loss in Table 3.

Soil Restriction	
Pest Resistant To Alternative	
Organic Matter Restriction	
Off Site Damage (outgassing)	
Other Restrictions (Describe)	

7. Use Rate of Chemical Alternative:

Active Ingredient (a.i.)	Name of Product and Formulation	Quantity a.i. per Acre	Units (gals, lbs. Etc.)	# of Acres Treated	Number of Applications per Year

- 8. Non-Chemical Pest Control: Please describe.
- **9.** Alternative Timeline: Indicate when fumigation, major crop and pest management practices typically occur by shading the appropriate cells. Show a second crop if part of the fumigation cycle. If the fumigation cycle is longer than one year, change the months to the appropriate interval. These tables are for annual crops but more than one crop may benefit from one methyl bromide fumigation. If application covers multiple crops/crop groupings not grown sequentially, they will need to provide this information for all crops/crop groupings. Please adjust timeline as necessary. **Please provide additional comments or description below or on a separate page.** Please begin the timeline with the first land preparation. For **perennials**, please begin with the **year** of land preparation and fumigation and indicate the years of production by yield or percentage of full production.

Beginning	Time Interval (e.g. MONTH/YEAR/SEASON)											
Fumigation Cycle	Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Month 4	Month 5	Month 6	Month 7	Month 8	Month 9	Month 10	Month 11	Month 12
Land Preparation												
Fumigation												
Planting												
Harvest												
Fallow												
Other Key Crop Steps												
Other Key Pest Steps												
Continuation of Alternative	Time Interval (e.g. MONTH/YEAR/SEASON)											
Cycle (if needed)	Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Month 4	Month 5	Month 6	Month 7	Month 8	Month 9	Month 10	Month 11	Month 12
Land Preparation												
Fumigation												
Planting												
Harvest												
Fallow												
Other Key Crop Steps												
Other Key Pest Steps												

Comments:

WORKSHEET 3-B: ALTERNATIVES – CHANGES IN OPERATING COSTS

Name of Alternative:

Column A:

Operation / Input

The operations/inputs listed here are not meant to be exhaustive or representative of your specific production system. They are meant to provide suggestions and to help you identify how your operation would change if methyl bromide were unavailable. Be as precise as necessary otherwise you may aggregate operations or inputs. For example, specify herbicide costs if additional treatments would become necessary with the use of a methyl bromide alternative, otherwise you may simply specify total pesticide costs. **Please specify only variable operating costs.**

Operation / Input for Perennial Crops

For perennial crops (Worksheet 3-B(2)) we have divided the lifespan into three basic periods: pre-production (including establishment), initial production, and full production. Please ensure that the timeline in Worksheet 3-A indicates the years of each period. Operating costs should be an average of costs incurred during each period. Please consider expected replanting rates and indicate which year dead or poorly performing young trees would be replaced. You may copy columns/rows as needed if these periods need to be refined for your situation.

Column B: Qua

Quantity Used per Acre

This field is required only for methyl bromide. However, you may include specific amounts of other inputs or operations if you believe it helps to document the additional costs you would incur by using an alternative fumigant.

Constant Cost per Acre

For harvest operations, specify costs that depend on land area, for example, picking costs, per acre of land.

Column C:

<u>Units</u>

For all inputs and operations detailed in Column B, please specify the units of measurement.

Cost per Unit of Yield

For harvest operations, specify costs that depend on amount of product harvested, for example, packing material, per unit of produce.

Column D:

Unit Costs

For all inputs and operations detailed in Column B, please specify the unit cost. Also, indicate all costs of applying methyl bromide, including any material costs, for example, tarps. If custom applied and separate costs are unavailable, write 'custom' and enter total cost in Column E.

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For harvest operations, indicate average yields or representative yields from Worksheet 3-A.

Column E:

Total Cost per Acre

For inputs and operations detailed in Columns B and D, total costs can be calculated as Column B times Column D. Otherwise, enter total cost of the input or operation. As a check, you may add up Column E to obtain an estimate of total variable operating costs. These will not include fixed and overhead costs, nor a return to the owners' labor. It should, therefore, be less than gross revenues calculated in Worksheet 2-C. If it is not, please explain any variations in yields and prices. For perennial crops, Column E should only be totaled for the years at full production.

Harvest costs may likewise be calculated as costs per acre (Column B) plus variable costs per unit of yield (Column C) times yield (Column D).

WORKSHEET 3-B(1): ALTERNATIVES – CHANGES IN OPERATING COSTS

Name of Alternative:

Α	В	С	D	E
Operation / Input	Quantity Used per Acre	Units (lbs, hours, etc)	Unit Cost (\$)	Total Cost per Acre (\$)
Pre-plant Operations				
Land preparation				
Fumigation				
product (methyl bromide)				
application				
Irrigation				
Other costs				
Cultural Operations				
Seed / Seedlings				
Fertilizer / Soil Amendments				
Pesticides				
Insecticide				
Herbicide				
Fungicide				
Nematicide				
Irrigation				
Labor (manual)				
Fuel / Machine Labor				
Other Costs				
Harvest Operations	Constant Cost per Acre (\$)	Cost per Unit of Yield (\$)	Yield	Total Cost per Acre (\$)
Labor				
Hauling				
Material				
Grading / Packing / Storage				
Other Costs				

WORKSHEET 3-B(2): ALTERNATIVES – CHANGES IN OPERATING COSTS FOR PERENNIAL CROPS

Α	B (1)	C (1)	D (1)	E (1)	B (2)	C (2)	D (2)	E (2)	B (3)	C (3)	D (3)	E (3)
	PRE	PRODUCT	ION YE	ARS	INITIA	L PRODUC	TION YE	ARS	FULL	PRODUC	TION YE	ARS
Operation or Input	Quantity used per acre	Units (lbs, hours, etc)	Unit Cost	Total Cost per Acre	Quantity used per acre	Units (lbs, hours, etc)	Unit Cost	Total Cost per Acre	Quantity used per acre	Units (lbs, hours, etc)	Unit Cost	Total Cost per Acre
Establishment Operations												
Land preparation												
Fumigation												
prealipatication												
Irrigation												
Seedlings												
Other costs												
Cultural Operations												
Fertilizer/soil amendments												
Pesticides												
Insecticide												
Herbicide												
Fu ngiçid# cide												
Irrigation												
Labor (manual)												
Fuel/machine labor												
Other costs												
Harvest Operations	Constant Cost per Acre	Cost per Unit of Yield	Yield	Total Cost	Constant Cost per Acre	Cost per Unit of Yield	Yield	Total Cost	Constant Cost per Acre	Cost per Unit of Yield	Yield	Total Cost
Picking/hauling												
Material												
Grading/packing												
Other costs												

WORKSHEET 4: EMISSION CONTROL (this section is new in the 2006 CUE Application and was not part of the 2005 CUE Application)

1. How do you currently minimize use and/or emissions of methyl bromide, and how do you plan to further reduce use and/or emissions in the future? For all use/emissions reduction technique that you use, please fill out the text, where provided, or state the adoption rate and/or describe changes.

you use, please till	out the text, where provide				
	What use/emission red presently ac		What further use/emission reduction steps will be taken for the methyl bromide used for critical uses?		
Methyl Bromide Rate Reduction	From: 1999 To: 2004	_ lbs/acre	From: 2006 To: 2011	lbs/acre	
Less Frequent Application	From: 1999 ti	mes per	From: 2006 To: 2011	times per	
Formulation Changes (please specify)	From: 1999% methyl bro To:	mide,% chloropicrin	From: 2006 To: 2011	% methyl bromide,% chloropicrin	
Tarpaulin (High Density Polyethylene)	From: 1999 To: 2004		From: 2006 To: 2011		
High Barrier Films	From: 1999 To: 2004		From: 2006 To: 2011		
Virtually Impermeable Film (VIF)	From: 1999 To: 2004		From: 2006 To: 2011		
Cultural Practices (please specify)	From: 1999 To: 2004		From: 2006 To: 2011		
Other Pesticides (please specify)	From: 1999 To: 2004		From: 2006 To: 2011		
Non-Chemical Methods (please specify)	From: 1999 To: 2004		From: 2006 To: 2011		
Other Measures (please specify)	From: 1999 To: 2004		From: 2006 To: 2011		

^{2.} If methyl bromide emission reduction techniques are not being used, or are not planned for the future, state reasons:

WORKSHEET 5: FUTURE RESEARCH PLANS (this worksheet was formerly Worksheet 4 in the 2005 CUE Application)

 Identify the top 3 to 5 target pests for your resear 2. 3. 	arch:
4. 5.	
 2. Provide a list of alternative chemicals or cultura 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 	I practices that have been tested:
 3. Prioritize the alternative chemicals or cultural properties. 2. 3. 4. 5. 	ractices to be tested:
4. What would be the best currently available alter	native if methyl bromide were not available:
5. Are there any other potential alternatives under replace methyl bromide: Yes No If yes, please	
6. Are there technologies being used to produce the bromide? Please explain whether such technolog methyl bromide use: Yes No If yes, please.	ies could replace a proportion of proposed
7. Please provide an overview/timeline of the plan	to transition away from using methyl bromide:
8. Please describe the management strategies that methyl bromide for the nominated critical use, e.g bromide consumption, measure to encourage the penetration of newly deployed alternatives and alt	., measures to avoid any increase in methyl use of alternatives, information on the market
9. Will yield/quality loss be measured: Yes	No
10. Will economic impacts be measured: Yes	No

11. Wha	 What is the cumulative amount spent and the types of contributions this consortium has mad 				
to fund research to develop alternatives to methyl bromide since 1992, e.g. consortium dues,					
direct re	direct research funding, etc.: Please add additional rows if necessary.				
Years	Name of Organization / Research Institution	Amount (\$)			

Years	Name of Organization / Research Institution	Amount (\$)

12. Other total investments, if any, made to reduce your reliance on methyl bromide: \$
Describe each investment and its associated costs (e.g. specialized machinery, etc.). Please add
additional rows if necessary.

Investment	Cost

13. Grant requests made to USDA, EPA, state, or other funding group:

For EPA	Use Only ID #	
SECTOR		

WORKSHEET 6: APPLICATION SUMMARY (this worksheet was formerly Worksheet 5 in the 2005 CUE Application)

1. Consortium Name:

This section will be posted on the web to notify the public of requests for critical use exemptions beyond the 2005 phase out for methyl bromide. Therefore, this section cannot be claimed as CBI.

Crop: Pounds of Methyl Bromide Requested: 2008 lbs. 2009 lbs. Acres Treated with Methyl Bromide: 2008 acres 2009 acres If methyl bromide is requested for additional years, reason for request: 2008 lbs.	Crop: Pounds of Methyl Bromide Requested: 2008 lbs. 2009 lbs. Acres Treated with Methyl Bromide: 2008 acres 2009 acres If methyl bromide is requested for additional years, reason for request: 2008 lbs.						
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			reasible	Feasible		Reasons	

Definitions:

Fumigation cycle:	The period of time between methyl bromide fumigations.
Year:	If a fumigation cycle overlaps more than one calendar year, "year" refers to the calendar year when methyl bromide is applied (or the beginning of the cycle).
Comparable data:	In order to compare revenues and costs with and without methyl bromide, data on alternatives for pest control, yields, revenues, and costs must be for the same time interval as the methyl bromide fumigation cycle. If, however, quantitative data, is not available for the entire fumigation cycle, then to be comparable, the quantitative data for the alternatives should cover the same portion of the fumigation cycle as the quantitative data for methyl bromide, and the rest of the cycle should be discussed in the comments sections.
2-year example:	If a methyl bromide fumigation is made every 2 years, then the 2003 fumigation cycle began in 2003 and would end in 2005. The data should cover the methyl bromide costs and usage for the methyl bromide fumigation made in 2003, and all yields and revenues received and other costs incurred during the 2 year period. To be comparable, the data on alternatives should cover a similar 2 year period beginning in 2008 beginning at the same time of year when a methyl bromide fumigation would be made. The data should cover all methyl bromide alternatives used, and all yields and revenues received during that 2-year interval. Other pest control and other costs would only need to be provided for that interval if they would change from what they were with methyl bromide.
Other beneficiary example:	If someone other than the applicant benefits from a methyl bromide fumigation, you should comment on these benefits if you do not have quantitative data for the entire fumigation cycle. For example, if a rotational crop in the second year benefits from a methyl bromide fumigation a year earlier, but there is quantitative data only on the first crop, then the data on the alternatives should cover only the first crop, and the benefits of methyl bromide and the additional pesticides that would have to be used on the rotational crop should be discussed in the comments sections.
Crop cycle change example:	If in a one year interval, methyl bromide is applied, tomatoes are grown and harvested followed by peppers, then the fumigation cycle would be one year including the tomatoes and peppers. If, however, without methyl bromide, it is not possible to follow tomatoes with peppers in the same one year interval, then the alternative data on pesticides, costs, yields, and revenues should just cover tomatoes. The loss of profit from not being able to grow peppers with the alternatives would be part of the loss from not having methyl bromide.
Crop Grouping	The applicant can group similar crops together if: (i) Crops would experience similar yield and quality losses in the absence of methyl bromide; and (ii)Crops are grown on the same fumigation and cultivation cycle with similar operating costs. For example, nursery crops including various flower or tree species can be aggregated, with average yields per acre and prices. However, if crops are distinctly different in revenues and operating costs, or the cycles, the applicant may want to present yield, price and operating costs for each crop separately and also indicate the proportion of land area allocated to each crop.

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